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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2002, the period of response for which runs through March 17, 2003, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims

✓ Please cancel claim 8 and amend claim 7 to read as follows:

7. (Once amended) An apparatus comprising:
- a housing sized to receive an animal and to confine the animal during therapeutic treatment, wherein the housing defines a top opening;
 - a first top panel hingedly coupled to the housing; and
 - a second top panel hingedly coupled to the housing, the first and second top panels being selectively positionable to cover at least a portion of the top opening;
- wherein the first and second top panels when in a closed position cover less than one hundred percent of the top opening.

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